

MINUTES
Crested Butte Town Council
Regular Council Meeting
June 18, 2012
Council Chambers, Crested Butte Town Hall

Mayor Aaron Huckstep called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Councilmembers present: Glenn Michel, Roland Mason, Jim Schmidt and Shaun Matusiewicz. Councilmembers absent: David Owen and John Wirsing. Staff Present: Acting Town Manager Lois Rozman, Town Clerk Eileen Hughes, Town Attorney John Belkin and Wastewater Plant Manager Matt Peacock.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Matusiewicz moved and Schmidt seconded to approve the agenda. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Approval of Minutes of June 4, 2012 Regular Council Meeting.
- B) Application for Party Status For Gunnison and Lower Delores River Basins Regulation #35(CCR 1002-35).
- C) Special Event Permit – Crested Butte/Mt. Crested Butte Chamber of Commerce – July 4th Parade & Activities – July 4, 2012 on Elk Avenue and 3rd Street From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- D) Letter of Support to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the US Forest Service And BLM for Establishment of a Land Resource Campus Across Highway 50 From Western State College.

Schmidt moved and Matusiewicz seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kyleena Falzone, owner of the Lobar, said she and her business partner John Kilpatrick bought the Company Store building. Falzone said now that she owns the building she is hoping she can work out an agreement with the Town for sidewalk seating on Elk Avenue in front of the building. Falzone said she also wants to deal with the liquor license for sidewalk seating in an expedient manner. Council agreed to discuss the matter under "Other Business" later in the meeting.

STAFF UPDATES

Matt Peacock:

- Public works crews have completed repairs to sidewalks and upgraded a storm drain near Clark's Market.
- The paving project near the Public Works shop is underway.
- Excavation of the water storage reservoir is about 90 percent complete.
- Crews are working on minor repairs to equipment.
- Sewer pipes have been jetted.

Lois Rozman:

- Staff has been working hard to get businesses to renew their business licenses. Many late notices have been sent out.

- Staff has also been diligently working on sales tax remissions. One Elk Avenue business in arrears will be turned over to the Marshal's for follow up.
- She has spoken to the Chamber of Commerce about providing equitable exposure in the Visitor Center for businesses that are not Chamber members, but that hold Town business licenses.
- The Chamber has been submitting financial reports to the Town in a timely manner.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) Special Event Permit – Western State College – West Elk Bicycle Classic – Whiterock Avenue & 4th Street – September 2, 2012 from 12 noon to 10 p.m.

Town Clerk Eileen Hughes noted the e-mail Council received late this afternoon from Bob Hunt of the License Plate Plaza Association. Hunt is asking the Council to condition approval of West Elk Bicycle Classic special event permit on the event sponsors providing insurance for the property owners in the License Plate Plaza Association because part of the event will be held on the property. Hughes said the Town does not mandate insurance for use of private property for a special event, but Town does require a letter of permission from the property owner. Event representative Kay Peterson said she would speak to Bob Hunt about his concerns. Council suggested continuing the item until July 16, 2012 to give the property owners and the event holder time to work out the issue.

Schmidt moved and Matuszewicz seconded to continue the special event permit and special event liquor license for Western State College West Elk Bicycle Classic until July 16, 2012. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

B) Special Event Liquor License – Western State College – September 2, 2012 from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. on 4th Street and 404 Elk Avenue.

Item continued to July 16, 2012. See motion above.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Resolution No. 7, Series 2012-A Resolution Approving A Plan To Subdivide Certain Lots At the Crested Butte Cemetery.

Mayor Huckstep explained that during the work session prior to the meeting Council discussed the cemetery subdivision proposal as well as the establishment of a cemetery committee.

Council questioned why lots near the "as built" road in the cemetery were not subdivided as part of the proposal so these "conflict" lots could be taken care of now. Hughes responded that there was discussion with the Town surveyor of possibly relocating the road, but if that does not occur then the lots can be subdivided as another phase in the future. Council pointed out that the Town's fee schedule states that the price for small cemetery lots is \$300, rather than \$250 as stated in the staff report on the topic. Several council members said the subdivision proposal made sense and spoke in support of Resolution No. 7.

Matuszewicz moved and Schmidt seconded to approve Resolution No. 7, Series 2012. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

B) Discussion and Possible Action Related to Community Air Service.

Mayor Huckstep provided background on the topic and explained that essentially the Council needs to consider whether or not the Town is willing to contribute funds towards an \$89,000 shortfall in the minimum revenue guarantee (MRG) for next winter's United Airlines flights from Houston to the Gunnison. The shortfall was covered by Crested Butte Mountain Resort (CBMR) so the contract could be signed, but the request will help cover CBMR's contribution.

Rural Transportation Authority executive director Scott Truex and CBMR representative Ethan Mueller noted that a \$1.3 million MRG with American Airlines for flights from Dallas to Gunnison has been covered by CBMR, the RTA and private donations, but the shortfall for United Airline's MRG is being requested.

Mayor Huckstep explained that Mt. Crested Butte has agreed to contribute \$20,000 towards the MRG for the United Flight from Houston to Gunnison and that other municipalities in the county are also being asked to contribute. Truex noted that the MRG contract has already been signed and the flights are open for booking.

Several councilmembers commented how challenging air service has become and how important it is to bringing tourists to the area. CBMR representative Ethan Mueller said studies indicate that the average person who flies to the area spends \$1,300 during their visit.

Council brought up the idea of an Intergovernmental Agreement with other municipalities in the county to address percentages of contribution and how monies would be returned to municipalities if there are refunds from the airline at the end of the season.

Finance Director Lois Rozman said everyone understands how important air service is to the economy of the area, but noted that the request for funds is from a private company (CBMR). Rozman said town staff is continually asked to make cuts, yet the Town is considering giving money to another entity. Rozman said if the Town contributes it should be a "one time deal." Rozman added that funds for airline guarantees would come out of the 2013 budget.

Council asked if sales tax revenue to the RTA increases, will the additional revenue be dedicated to the MRG airline program. Truex said the RTA Board has mandated that additional sales tax revenue go into the RTA's reserve fund because the reserve fund needs to be built up and the fund was decimated in the past.

Council indicated that they supported the concept of contributing towards the MRG for the United Flights, but did not discuss a specific amount. Council also agreed with the concept of developing an IGA with other communities. One councilmember said the County should contribute the "lion's share." Another councilmember requested that the RTA board consider putting less funds into their reserves if RTA sales tax revenues increase so more funds could be earmarked for the MRG airline program.

LEGAL MATTERS

John Belkin:

- Met with Building and Zoning Director Bob Gillie and Town Manager Susan Parker about the Gunnison County Electric Association Franchise Agreement.
- He is working with staff on several leases
- He is working with Bob Gillie on changes to the Zoning Code.
- He is working on the Pro Challenge agreement
- At the request of the Town Manager, he will be sending Council a memo about ex-parte communication.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Request From The Lobar For Sidewalk Seating Along Elk Avenue. Council said it was not comfortable taking action on the request until it receives a follow up staff report from Bob Gillie. Council directed staff to provide a report on the topic at the July 3, 2012 meeting.
2. Council directed staff to provide a report on the responsibilities and role of the proposed cemetery committee.
3. Councilmember Jim Schmidt requested that the new director of the Chamber of Commerce visit the Council in the near future.
4. 4th of July float. Council agreed that councilmember Jim Schmidt will arrange "float transportation." Mayor Huckstep will extend an invitation to the Mt. Crested Butte Town Council to join the Crested Butte Town Council in the parade.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

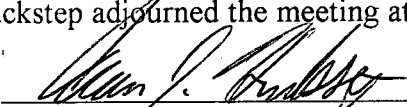
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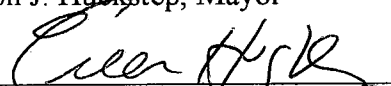
- Reminded Council of the upcoming perimeter trail planning meetings.
- The Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory will dedicate its new building on June 29, 2012.
- The Center for the Arts Alpenglow concerts start next Monday, June 26.
- He will be attending a USA Pro-Challenge meeting. A special event permit application will be submitted soon.
- Crested Butte Bike Week occurs this weekend.

Shaun Matuszewicz:

- Attended the Friday Night Historic Preservation Session with speaker Bob Yapp. Relayed that Yapp said the Town has a high level of understanding of the value of historic preservation. Council agreed to send thank you letter to Yapp.

Mayor Huckstep adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.


Aaron J. Huckstep, Mayor


Eileen Hughes, Town Clerk

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